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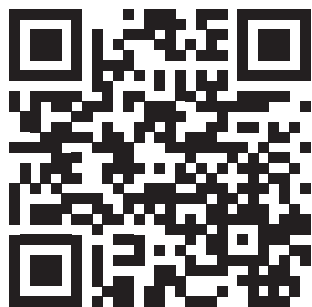


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Community opposes proposed metered parking

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The two-hour parking signs throughout downtown Milledgeville may soon be accompanied by parking meters, but the majority of Milledgeville community members and business owners are opposed to this idea.

The proposed plan for installing metered parking would affect both Georgia College students and Milledgeville residents. Milledgeville's City Council members pitched the idea as a way to combat the lack of available spots in the downtown area.

"This is a bad idea not only because I don't want to have to pay to park, but because it will hurt business downtown," said junior Sami Montigny.

At a community forum concerning the issue held at City Hall on Nov. 7, all community members who attended spoke out against the implementation of parking meters.

Only the city council members and the spokesperson from the company that would install the meters, which would cost around \$6000 each, supported the idea.

"I don't want just the luxury of finding a parking space," said Councilman Stephen Chambers. "I want to know I have one."

Under the proposed plan, the city would install parking meters along portions of Montgomery Street, Greene Street, Clarke Street and Jefferson Street.

"[The plan] will promote parking turnover and generate revenue," said Milledgeville City Planner Hank Griffeth.

The city has been conducting studies on Milledgeville's parking landscape and brainstorming possible solutions to the lack of parking spots since July 2015.

"At least nine months out of the year, we don't have enough parking spaces downtown," Griffeth said at the



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Milledgeville community members strongly disagree with the proposed metered parking plan.

community forum. "This should maximize the number of patrons that can come into town."

The city aims to use the money generated from the parking meters for the beautification of downtown Milledgeville. Community members who attended the City Hall community forum pushed for this revenue to go towards building a parking deck instead.

"We know the solution is more spaces, but just turning over doesn't necessarily dictate anything better," said Iona Crucey Holder, who has co-owned Blackbird with

her husband for 14 years. "More spaces and a parking deck would actually be used because there wouldn't be a two-hour limit to my being able to hang out downtown."

In addition to the timed, metered parking, the plan may include free parking for 15 minute errands and a lease payment system for business owners to ensure parking for themselves.

GC SGA President Mike Muller is opposed to the leasing system, which he says means business owners will have to pay to work downtown.

"If I want to park downtown, I have to pay this fee or this leasing," Muller said. "If you work a minimum wage job, that's lowering how much you're making. You'd probably be under the minimum wage."

A GC student-led petition against the metered parking plan has received more than 3,500 signatures online.

Many other business owners, residents and students also emphasized the impact this proposition could have on business.

"My concern, and trying to not make it personal, is that if I, as a shopper, want to come downtown and look for a new something to wear, I don't know how long I'm going to park," Holder said. "What if it takes me five hours? It'll just be easier to go to the mall—and I don't want that to be so easy."

Griffeth said that some of the metered parking zones would allow up to four hours of parking, but that the majority would be two-hour parking zones.

"Some students have two, three classes at a time," Holder said. "If students do get caught staying in their two-hour spot they're paying a fine because they stayed in class."

At this time, the city council has not confirmed whether the plan will be put into action, and council members say the issue is still up for debate.

The city council said it should make in January 2018, and the parking meters could potentially be implemented by March 2018.



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The plan for metered two-hour parking would affect portions of multiple downtown streets.

GC receives \$5,000 Campus Kitchen start-up grant

The Campus Kitchen will redistribute leftover food from the MAX

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Georgia College recently won a \$5,000 grant to start and support a Campus Kitchen in Milledgeville. Campus Kitchen is an organization dedicated to reducing food waste and redistributing it to help those in need.

The idea of bringing a Campus Kitchen to GC began with Office of Sustainability interns junior Julia Steele, environmental science major and public health minor, and junior Cameron Skinner, environmental science major and geology minor.

Steele and Skinner attended a Climate and Summit Conference in Atlanta last April where a student from Emory discussed the importance of reducing food waste. The student mentioned Campus Kitchen as a method of reducing waste.

"When we heard the name, it kind of just sparked our interest," Skinner said. "We wanted to dig more into it."

Steele and Skinner wrote a proposal for the Sustainability Council to try to bring a Campus Kitchen to GC to help reduce food waste from the MAX.

"We did all this research, said why

Campus Kitchen would work at Georgia College, and that got rejected at first because we didn't have it exactly detailed to the tee," Steele said.

In order to qualify for the grant, the proposal needed to include support from GC's students and staff, as well as the surrounding community.

One component the proposal was missing was a community partner. Steel and Skinner then reached out to the Life Enrichment Center, a center for people with intellectual disabilities, to see if they would be interested in partnering with GC.

"We reached out to Barbara Coleman, and she was head-over-heels for it," Steele said. "She really liked the idea of bringing food from the MAX. She really liked the idea of students coming to the LEC and not only providing food, but also possibly sitting down and kind of going beyond the meal and engaging with them."

Once they established that partnership, Steele and Skinner submitted another proposal. This time it was approved, and they were able to qualify for the grant competition.

In order to win the grant, GC had to compete against two other universities for the greatest number of votes. Voting took place online where students could vote once a day for a week. Georgia College won the competition with a total of 5661

votes.

With the help of the grant, Steele and Skinner hope to launch Campus Kitchen by February or March of 2018.

"We want to get it going before the end of next semester," Skinner said. "We don't want to start right at the beginning of summer time, right when students are leaving."

The first steps of building the program include paying a \$1200 affiliate fee, purchasing kitchen supplies, and finding a kitchen space to prepare and redistribute the food. After Campus Kitchen becomes established, Skinner and Steele hope it continues to expand further into the community.

"Once the MAX can't provide—say we grow more connections and more relationships with other community partners—we're going to need more food, so we're going to begin reaching out to local farmers, grocery stores, and others for their leftovers," Steele said.

The repurposed food will be going first to the LEC and then to other residents of Milledgeville who are considered to be food insecure.

"The definition of being food insecure is not having access to three square meals a day," Skinner explained. "That could range from students who maybe their only meal in some of the public schools is

school lunch, or it could be older people who don't like to ask for help and aren't getting meals."

Milledgeville has a large percentage of people who classify as food insecure. Universities are often a hub for food waste, meaning there is a lot of food that can be redistributed to those in need.

In the future, Steele and Skinner see even more opportunities to decreasing food waste and helping the community.

"We want to become one big, hunger-fighting network and maybe even establish an on-campus food bank for students because there are students who go hungry, too," Skinner said.

The grant's reception has sparked support for Campus Kitchen from the rest of campus. GC President Dr. Steve Dorman said he is excited for the future and what Campus Kitchen will mean to the university and the community.

"I am thrilled our students have taken the initiative to bring a Campus Kitchen to Georgia College," Dorman said. "Because of their dedication to sustainability, they will be able to limit waste produced by our dining services, while addressing the hunger problem within our community. These students saw a need and creatively came up with a solution. We are proud of their work and look forward to seeing our Campus Kitchen come to life."



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Cameron Skinner, president of Earth Action and co-founder of GC's Campus Kitchen, received the news of GC's win on Monday, Nov. 6.

GC distributes free condoms and sex education

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GC Student Affairs is attempting to promote safe sexual education to students by providing access to free condoms on campus.

According to a American College Health Association survey conducted by GC in spring 2017, 47.2 percent of males and females reported not using a form of contraception the last time they had vaginal intercourse.

"We started this program in spring 2017 where every student at GC has an equal opportunity to the same number of condoms," said Rachel Pope, prevention coordinator of Student Affairs. "We do not encourage but provide protective measurements in case the need arises."

Students seeking condoms must go to the Den, located underneath Magnolia Ballroom, and present their Bobcat ID. The students must initial that they received the contraceptives, and their names will be recorded to make sure no student receives more than 20 in a semester.

"I have given condoms to two students this semester," said Caroline Jones, a Den student employee. "I think it's great because it is more accessible for students."

They have the choice between two types of Trojan

condoms and also receive lubrication and a safe sex brochure. By giving students a choice, Pope said she hopes students will be able to make informed decisions about what works for them.

Many other students are happy with this program, but others are concerned about its implications around campus.

"I think that by providing condoms to students, GC is putting off the message that sex outside of marriage is acceptable," said sophomore Jessica Ugan, Wesley worship leader. "And I would even go as far as to say that they are encouraging it."

While some are concerned about this conflicting with their religious beliefs, others are concerned for different reasons.

"While I think it's a great start, the lack of inclusion or information about other contraceptives like vaginal condoms and dental dams is a concern to me," said Emily Halpin, president of orGasmiC, a positive sex education group. "It completely misses couples who don't have penises involved in their relationship."

Despite concerns from some groups, many students said they are happy that GC is aware of sex on its campus and is taking steps to make it safer.

"I think the university being aware of sex on its campus is the first step in curbing STDs and teen pregnancy," said sophomore Ciera Lindsey. "If you are adult enough to have sex, you're also adult enough to be smart and safe about it, but also be aware of the consequences."



Sydney Saxon / Contributing Photographer

Students can pick up their condoms at the Den.

Sorority LLC to begin at West Campus in fall 2018

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GC University Housing is partnering with campus's Panhellenic community to create a living-learning community (LLC) for second-year sorority women next fall, which will be located in Village buildings one, two and three.

University Housing conceived the LLC as a way to fill the Village apartments, some of which have been sitting empty in recent semesters. Dean of Students Andy Lewter approached Tiffany Bayne, director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, (OFSL) in spring 2017 for help developing the program.

Composed of second-year women in GC's seven Panhellenic sororities, the program's curriculum is intended to promote leadership and empowerment and will be focused on inter- and intra- personal leadership development.

"The results of this program will be visible on campus with the way sophomore girls interact," said Panhellenic president-elect Alyssa Gann. "And since it is a leadership program, you will most likely see more sorority women in leadership positions."

The OFSL claims the LLC will provide educational benefits in self-government, community living, group discipline and opportunities for relationships with faculty and staff members.

Sorority women living in the apartments

will be required to attend certain events for their curriculum. All sororities involved will be obligated to attend events with one another.

When new sorority members received their bids during this past recruitment period, they also signed a lease to live in the communities. Some sorority freshman said the proposed LLC was not thoroughly explained to them, and they felt tricked into signing the lease.

"They should have explained the LLC better before I signed," said freshman Olivia Reardon, a member of Delta Zeta.

Sydney Ninneman, the LLC university

liaison, said that OFSL was very forthcoming regarding the situation and held information sessions for sorority new members explaining the circumstances of signing their lease.

"Trust GC leadership and that what they are doing is what's right," said Matthew Terry, the assistant director of marketing and communications for University Housing. "Every last detail has been thought through very carefully, and everything has been communicated."

Terry said by the time of move-in during July 2018, there will be some minor renovations and new additions to

the housing. He said it is a space students are going to love and want to live in.

"The new sorority LLC will not only help develop women leaders, but also help develop West Campus to its potential," said current Panhellenic president Jordan Thomas. "The West Campus center will be completely remodeled to provide students with more study spaces, areas to hold events and a central location for chapter meetings to be held."

Freshman Caroline Dillon, marketing major, said she thinks the LLC is a great opportunity for her pledge class and that she is excited to be a part of it next year.

"What really made me want to live there was that I would be surrounded by girls in my sorority all the time," Dillon said. "I've heard so many times that 'you get out of your sorority what you put in' and other things similar to that, and what better way to invest in our sisterhood than living and growing together?"

Dillon said she thinks the LLC will offer sorority women at GC the opportunity to bond not only with their pledge class, but also with other sorority's pledge classes since they will be living together in the same buildings.

"I think it will be a great atmosphere where people can support each other and show love no matter what sorority they are a part of," Dillon said. "I also think the leadership aspect of the program is going to be great. I feel as though having a background in leadership programs really is going to help for my future and what I want to do after college, so having the leadership element is a great bonus to living at the LLC."



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The LLC will be housed in Village buildings one, two and three.

Bartholomew awarded PBC Player of the Year



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Bartholomew, the first GC soccer player to be named PBC Player of the Year, was dominant on offense, racking up 44 points and six assists.

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Georgia College junior Amanda Bartholomew earned the Peach Belt Conference Soccer Player of the Year, the first in program history.

Bartholomew led the Peach Belt with 19 goals during the regular season, earning her the Select Sport Gold Ball Award and breaking GC's record. She is also tied for the 13th highest single-season total in PBC history, leading the league with 44 total points along with being tied for sixth in assists. Bartholomew is ranked third in all of Division II in total points.

Bartholomew, often referred to as "Bartholomessi" by her teammates, has helped the Bobcats wrap up an amazing 2017 season with her performance on and off the field. Head coach Hope Clark said Bartholomew gives 100 percent in both training and games and always maintains a positive and humble attitude.

"She leads by her actions," Clarke said. "She doesn't take a moment or a day off mentally."

Bartholomew said that although she has achieved so many honorary accomplishments this year, she doesn't play for stats or award: she solely plays for her love of the game.

Bartholomew also said she is never complacent and is always striving to play better. After a game, she doesn't spend a lot of time thinking about what she did well, instead considering her mistakes and how she can improve.

"I see my mistakes more than other people," Bartholomew said. "I guess it could be a bad thing that I'm so hard on myself, but I think it helps me to always want to work harder to get better."

Playing at Georgia College has helped Bartholomew gain confidence and perform better. She transferred to GC her sophomore year and started training with the team in the spring. Bartholomew said that they were supportive and welcoming from the beginning, which immediately made her feel like she was a part of Bobcat Soccer.

Bartholomew has a great relationship with not only her team, but also with the faculty and staff at GC, which is another reason she loves playing. The GC sports department staff prioritizes making the student athletes feel like they are part of a family.

"A positive environment is honestly just the culture that I try to create among our family," Clark said. "I strive to maintain a positive energy and an outlook based on gratitude, which always puts the team as the priority, not the individuals."

Wendell Staton, GC's Athletic Director, refers to Bartholomew at "AB." He said athletes like "AB" often only come along once in a coach's career. Staton said that he is proud of Bartholomew's success, and that it ultimately leads to the team's success.

Staton also said that Bartholomew deflects attention despite her success, putting the attention on everyone else. Bartholomew's ultimate goal is to help others and her team, which contributes to her being a well-rounded player, on and off the field.

"AB's don't come along very often," Staton said. "She has the complete package of work ethic, talent, person, character and academics. She's the most selfless person you'll ever meet."

Coach Clark foresees more major accomplishments in Bartholomew's soccer career including another Player of the Year Award. She sees the team growing even more next year with the help of Bartholomew being a phenomenal player and individual.

Volleyball looking to stay hot as postseason nears

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Staff Writer

GC Women's Volleyball is in dazzling form as they approach the Peach Belt Conference tournament. The Bobcats have won 11 of their last 12 matches, including six in a row.

Georgia College (21-6) is flying high after taking down rival USC Aiken (22-4) in four sets for their first victory over the Pacers in program history. With all they have accomplished this year, the win is especially satisfying for Head Coach Gretchen Krumdieck.

"That was kind of the last monkey off of our back," Krumdieck said. "We hadn't beaten them yet."

"It was an unbelievable feeling," said senior Chandler Ewaldsen on notching their first win against their Peach Belt foe.

With that victory, GC has now beaten every team in the conference and has not lost a conference game at home.

GC will look to utilize home-court advantage heading into the postseason as the Bobcats will be hosting the Peach Belt Conference tournament Nov 17-19 at the Centennial Center.

"Home court advantage is real," said junior setter Kayla Brockway. "If we get a

bunch of people out, we always play better when we have people cheering for us."

GC is looking to build on what is already shaping up to be their best season in program history. The players are more motivated than ever to continue their hot streak.

"They don't want their season to end, and they're willing to do whatever it takes to win a match," Krumdieck said.

The team this season has been thriving off of a key combination of veteran experience and young talent. Offensively, the team has been lead by juniors Taylor Svehla and Ebony Powers, who have 251 and 253 kills, respectively.

Close behind those veteran hitters is freshman Libby Bochniak (220). Junior setter Kayla Brockway is leading the Peach Belt Conference with a staggering 987 assists. Freshman Emma Boughner's 86 blocks are good for best on the team.

When asked what their success could be attributed to, Krumdieck adamantly stressed the importance of unity and playing as a team.



Ada Montgomery/Digital Photographer

The Bobcats huddle around Coach Krumdieck during a timeout.

"I just think that [this season] we play better together than we ever have," Krumdieck said.

Krumdieck also said that she had several fun team-bonding activities planned to maximize team chemistry as they approach the end of the season.

When asked how she planned to keep her team prepared for the postseason, Krumdieck talked about keeping her players on their toes both in and out of practice.

"They've come to expect that every day is going to be different," Krumdieck said.

Freshman Libby Bochniak is confident that GC will carry their hot streak into the postseason.

"I think our energy was good [against USC Aiken], and I think that energy is still with us as we head into the conference tournament," Bochniak said.

"We have to stay humble and stay focused, and I think that we can make it all the way to the end," added Brockway.

Look to see the Bobcats defend their home court in the Peach Belt tournament beginning on Nov. 17.

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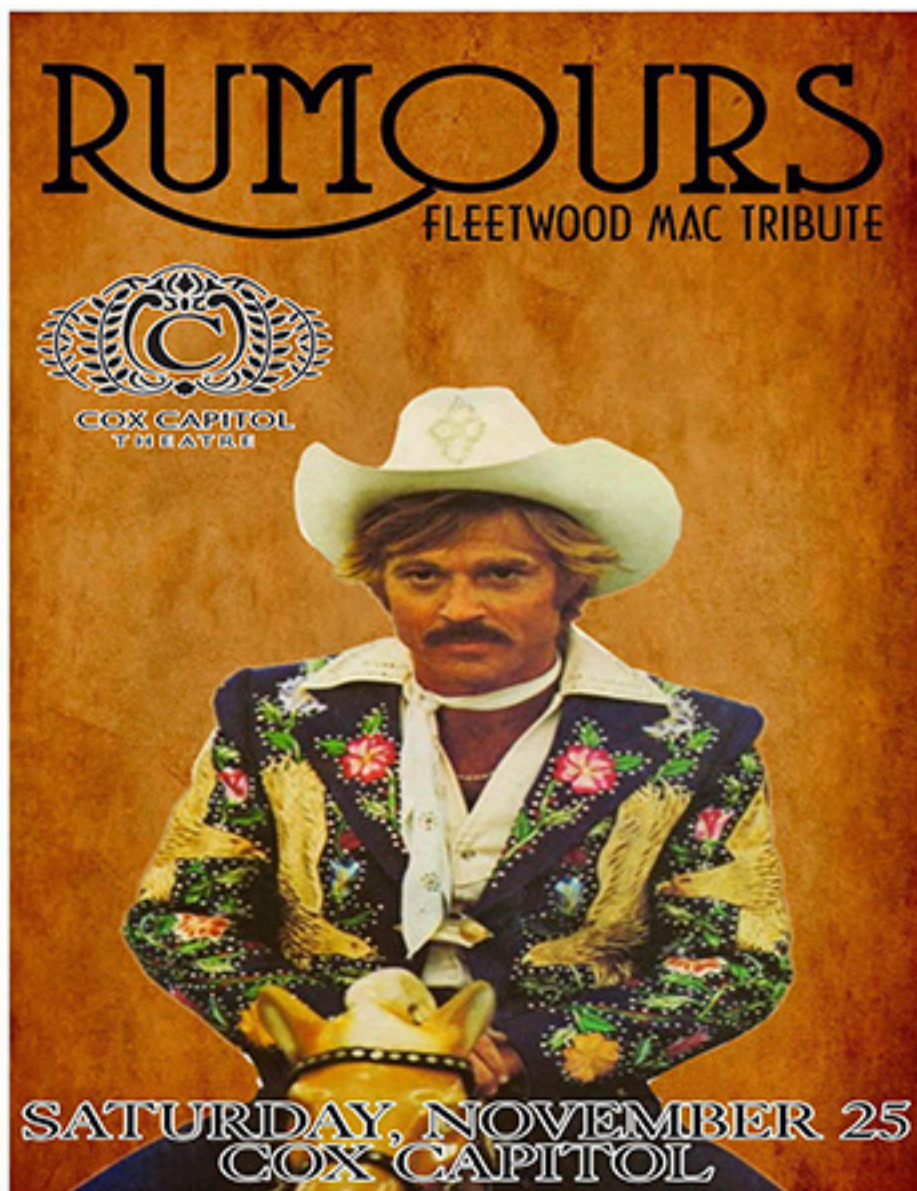
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HOW TO HOST *Friendsgiving*



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Thanksgiving—a time for celebrating all that you are thankful for while surrounding yourself with family and food. As college students, it is quite common to spend the Thanksgiving break with family members back home, but a Thanksgiving day spent with friends may be far less common.

The recent phenomenon of Friendsgiving is a separate celebration of gratitude spent with friends. There are many ways to go about planning and hosting a Friendsgiving celebration, making the newer tradition its own unique distinction from its parent holiday.

According to senior Stephanie Tallent, a special education major, Friendsgiving is about the “fellowship of friends coming together,” so the most important part of Friendsgiving is making all who are in attendance “feel loved, welcome and excited to be there.”

Tallent, who is part of the leadership committee of the GC women’s ministry Delight, said that the first step to planning a Friendsgiving is to select a theme, either for the food or for the event as a whole.

“We met Monday [before the event], and we went to the store and bought everything [to eat], and we also set up the decorations,” Tallent said. “We definitely try to plan everything in advance.”

Although a theme may be helpful in choosing what sort of food to serve, an overall theme is not always necessary.

“Friendsgiving is like a theme in and of itself because it’s such a special time,” said junior Lillie Chupp, a theatre major.

However, even if you choose not to have a theme for your overall celebration, you can still decorate for the occasion.

“I’d use lots of rustic barn door kinds of things and lots of lights,” Chupp said. “String lights are a must.”

Just like with themes and decor, choosing who to invite is all about personal preference. According to sophomore Josh Ballard-Myer, a physics and mathematics major, you should decide the size of your event in order to decide how

you will choose who you will invite.

“If it’s a smaller celebration, I’d probably just invite my roommates and my closest group of friends,” Ballard-Myer said. “If it was an event organized by me and my roommates, I’d say each person gets to bring a few people.”

When choosing specifics of time and location, Ballard-Myer said that group collaboration is best.

“I’d just add everyone to a group-chat and try to find a time and place that works for everyone,” Ballard-Myer said. “We’d probably meet at whoever has the largest place to fit everyone.”

As for the food, it is most common to celebrate Friendsgiving with a potluck. According to sophomore Lyndsey Bishop potlucks are the best option.

“Potlucks are a lot of fun,” Bishop said. “They make it so everyone can bring their favorite food, and you can really experience what others love.”



Friendsgiving can be a great way to get your friends together and de-stress before the semester ends.

MIDNIGHT MIRACLE

GC Miracle raises thousands during \$100 Day, gears up for Dance Marathon

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Georgia College Miracle recently had \$100 Day, their first big fundraising push day. Participants were encouraged to raise \$100 in 24 hours to help meet the group target of \$42,000 in one day, a goal that was met with seconds to spare.

“It was seriously down to the last second,” said senior and Executive Director Ansley Jones. A \$50 donation at 11:59 PM helped them break the 42k threshold.

Many fundraisers posted on social media, called family and friends and went around with jars asking for spare change and cash to get donations. Some participants were very creative in getting people to donate money. Some were on campus at the GC Miracle tent, getting egged and eating repulsive combinations of food for donations. Others went door to door at the Grove offering to take out trash for donations from total strangers.

“It’s really asking everybody you’ve ever met in your whole entire life to donate at least a dollar,” said Jones.

Junior Mia Murphy raised the most money: \$1,540 in 24 hours. Olivia Kingery and junior Emily Crowley were close behind, raising \$1,232 and \$1,045 respectively.

Crowley, also the financial director, said, “I want to make their childhood happy, and I want to help make families get through it.”

There are countless reasons why people put so much time and effort into raising money For The Kids (FTK). Many people have experience with childhood illnesses and want to do everything in their power to fix that problem.

As PR Director and junior Katy Swendsen explained, “Because I’m alive and because I can, I should stand for the kids.”

“I think the cause it just so worth it, the kids are worth it,” added Jones. “When you do a hospital visit and meet one of the miracle kids, you realize that what you’re doing matters.”

FTK has become a huge movement, but it has a very personal feeling at Georgia College. The executive board makes an active effort to get to know as many participants as possible in order to make sure everybody is motivated to fundraise. This intimate mentality helped GC Miracle to win the Most Improved Dance Marathon award.

“They really liked how personal we make it on campus,” said Jones. “We really try to get to know our dancers, our miracle makers, our committee members.”

Last year, GC Miracle reached their goal of raising \$24,000 in 24 hours, and this year made a huge leap in their ambition for \$100 Day. Much of the fundraising came from the hype room where GC Miracle participants would go for fun and to help encourage each other to raise as much money as possible.

“It is so unheard of that we were able to raise that much money in 24 hours,” Swendsen said.

GC Miracle has raised almost \$700,000 since it began in 2005, and this year their goal is \$300,000. All money raised is going towards the construction of a new Children’s Hospital in Macon.



Top: GC Miracle’s exec board is responsible for heading up fundraisers leading up to their main event, Dance Marathon, in the spring. Bottom: GC Miracle raised \$42,012 by the end of the day.

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